Docker Network and Compose

To create and configure a Docker network on an EC2 instance, follow these steps:

1. Install Docker on the EC2 Instance

If Docker is not already installed on your EC2 instance, install it. Start and enable the Docker service.

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2. Create a Docker Network

Docker networks allow containers to communicate with each other. Use the following command to create a custom bridge network: Replace docker with the desired name of your network. This creates a bridge network by default, which is ideal for most use cases.

3. Verify the Network

To confirm the network was created, run: - sudo docker network ls

4. Run Containers in the Network

To connect containers to this network, use the --network flag when running docker run.

Containers in the same network can communicate using their container names.

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5. Using Docker Compose with the Network

A docker-compose.yaml file is used to define and manage multi-container Docker applications. Here's a basic template for a docker-compose.yaml

Key Sections Explained:

version:

Specifies the Docker Compose version. 3.8 is widely compatible with most setups.

services:

Defines individual containers.

Each service represents one container with specific configurations.

image:

Specifies the Docker image to use.

ports:

Maps host ports to container ports.

volumes:

Mounts local directories or creates persistent data storage.

depends_on:

Ensures services start in a defined order.

environment:

Passes environment variables to the container.

volumes: (global)

Defines named volumes for persistent storage.

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Web:

Image: noinx:latest # Use the Nginx image
ports:

- "8080:80" # Map port 8080 on the host to port 80 in the container
volumes:

- ./html:/usr/share/nginx/html # Mount local files to the container
depends on:

- app # Ensure 'app' service starts before 'web'

app:

image: node:16 # Use a Node.js image
working dir: /usr/src/app
volumes:

- ./app:/usr/src/app # Mount local app directory
command: "npm start" # Run the start script
environment:

- NODE_ENV=production

db:
image: postgres:14 # Use a PostgreSQL image
volumes:

- th_data:/var/lib/postgresql/data # Persist database data
environment:
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6. Advanced: Configure Network Subnet

If you need to specify a subnet, you can do so during network creation

7. Clean Up

To remove the network when no longer needed.